PROTECTION—(POLICE).

(Nos. 107 to 111.)

SUBJECT No. 107.

Improvement of the morale of the Police.

Mr. H. Naranaiya, Chikballapur Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Qualifications for the post of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors must be as high as possible. The pay and prospects of these officers must be improved with a view to prevent them from yielding to temptation and becoming corrupt. Honest and satisfactory work should be suitably rewarded by promotion, while complaints from the public against Police Officers should be duly considered. As an incentive to good work and to keep up efficiency, appointment to graded posts should be by selection from the department itself.

Mr. M. Subbaiah said that Police Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors should be recruited directly from outside and not from lower ranks as these were liable to yield to temptation and consequently to exercise their powers improperly.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah said that as only educated men could properly understand their sense of duty, it was better to appoint highly qualified men for the posts.

Reply of Government.—The whole question is under consideration and the suggestions made will be duly considered.

SUBJECT No. 108.

Abolition of investigating centres.

Mr. C. Krishnamurthi, Law Association, Bangalore.

Mr. C. Krishnamurthi suggested that all Police stations should be made investigating centres and that a Sub-Inspector or Inspector should be in charge, as under the existing system, it would be a long time before the investigation officer commenced the investigation and recorded statement, leaving much scope for manipulation, with the result that evidence disappeared and case failed.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah observed that Police officers must invariably be made to visit the scene of occurrence in time and to make a full record of the facts as they transpired.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao and B. Srinivasa Iyengar urged that the question of cost must not be pleaded as an excuse in this matter.

The Inspector-General of Police observed that there were only 30 to 40 cases for each centre, that there was not enough work for more than one officer and that in important cases, the investigating officer would certainly visit the scene of occurrence.

Reply of Government.—To increase the number of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors is a question of funds. Your point is that the present system gives time and scope for manipulation. The suggestions are noted.

SUBJECT No. 109.

Empowering the Mysore Police to arrest

Summary of Representation.—The Mysore Police may be empowered to arrest persons in British India and take them to the State, in the same way as the British